(c) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the incident had taken place on 25.3.1996. As a result of the bomb blast, 11 persons were killed while 41 persons were injured. The investigations revealed the involvement of eight persons in the incident. Five persons were arrested. One person surrendered in the Court. The movable and immovable property of two persons was attached. Chargesheet has been issued against the accused persons.

Normative Cost of Sugar

1524. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the normative cost of the Sugar Factory Project was fixed during 1992;

(b) whether due to escalation of prices there is a wide gap in the normative cost and actual cost of sugar;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the revision of the normative cost is under consideration of the Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the revised normative cost is likely to be finalised ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) The Government have not prescribed any normative cost for sugar factories though the financial institutions while assessing the projects have been going by a certain standard taking into account the financing pattern and the prospect of return on capital. The financial institutions are generally concerned with the debt-equity ratio and the financial viability of the project. Since the State Governments contribute a large part of equity of the Cooperatives and also have to guarantee the loans, the question of availability of total finance for a particular unit has to be resolved between them, the cooperative and the financial institutions.

(d) to (f) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices have estimated the cost of a new 2500 TCD sugar factory at Rs. 40 crores.

Palm Oil Processing Venture

1525. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether CSIR has signed a MOU with Andhra Pradesh Cooperative Oilseeds Federation for Rs. 17 crore indigenously developed palm oil processing technology;

(b) if so, the main features of the MOU;

(c) whether it is expected to earn sizeable foreign exchange through the export of this technology;

(d) whether the main objective of the new technology is to lead the country to self-sufficiency in the sphere of the edible oils; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which this is likely to benefit the people of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. MoU has been signed between CSIR and A.P. Co-operative Oilseeds Federation for Rs. 11.20 crores.

(b) The main features of the MoU are as follows :

(i) To establish a 10 Tonne Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB)/hour processing capacity Palm Oil mill at Ashwaraopet, Distt. Khammam, Andhra Pradesh developed indigenously by National Laboratories of CSIR.

(ii) The Project will be implemented by Licensee project Engineering Companies under the supervision of CSIR.

(iii) The performance will be guaranteed to match the international standards.

(c) Yes, Sir. The indigenous technology package developed by CSIR has the potential of export to African & Far Eastern countries.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The palm oil recovery per ha. is highest amongst all other oilseed crops. The new technology package will yield higher efficiency on oil production from oil palm and thus it may attract growers to boost up its cultivation, thereby helping in achieving the goal of self-sufficiency in sphere of edible oil. The oil palm cultivation is being promoted among farmers of Andhra Pradesh and other States under the Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses. Along with A.P. Cooperative Oilseeds Federation, private entrepreneurs have come up to establish the oil palm processing units. Since the economic return from oil palm cultivation is higher than that obtained from conventional oilseed crops, the latest processing facilities would increase higher recovery of palm oil and attract the farmers of the Andhra Pradesh towards the cultivation of this crop with higher returns.

Pashu Vigyan Kendras

1526. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Pashu Vigyan Kendras all over the country for the scientific development of Animal Husbandry to give boost to "White Revolution"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its present status and implications, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) A new plan scheme for setting up composite Livestock Production and Extension Centres has been proposed for inclusion in the Ninth Five Year Plan. The scheme envisages the establishment of livestock demonstration units where training will be provided to rural youth in the scientific rearing of livestock so as to enable them to practice livestock rearing as a productive and income generating enterprise.

Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995

1527. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the by laws, rules and regulations under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 have not been framed so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which these will be framed ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c) In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 73 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, the Central Government have framed rules and notified them vide gazette of India, Extra-ordinary, under Part-II, Section-3, sub-section (ii) as S.O.No. 908 (E), dated 31-12-96. Copies of the Notification were laid on the Table of the House on 25.2.97.

Pay Structure for Central State Farm, Aralam

1528. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to revise the pay structure of the workers and taking over the Central State Farm, Aralam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Central State Farm, Aralam is one of the units of State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the control of Ministry of Agriculture. SFCI has adopted two types of pay structure for its regular employees i.e. Industrial DA pattern and Central DA pattern. IDA pay scales were revised w.e.f. 1.1.1992. As regards revision of wages of workers/ labourers of Central State Farm, Aralam, it may be mentioned that their wages are governed under the Minimum Wages Act. The competent authority for revision of wages of workers/labourers of Central State Farm, Aralam is the State Government of Kerala. The revision of their wages will be effected as per revision of wages of such workers by the State Government of Kerala. At present, there is no proposal for taking over the management of Central State Farm, Aralam.

(b) In view of the position indicated above, question does not arise.

Dairies Supplying Milk for DMS

1529. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) the location of the Dairies which are supplying milk to the Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) and Mother Dairy;

(b) the norms/rules laid down by the statutory authority, to be followed by these Dairies;

(c) whether any shortcomings/dangerous methods have been detected in the methods adopted for the production of milk at these Dairies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) and Mother Dairy are receiving their milk supply from Unions/Dairies of State Cooperative Dairy Federations. Location of these dairies/unions is given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) These Dairies/Unions are governed by various provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1955 and the rules framed thereunder as well the Milk and Milk Product Order, 1992.

(c) to (e) The information is being collected.